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SUBJECT: AFGHAN VIEWS ON THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE

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(B) KABUL 6239

1. REFTTEL B REPORTED THE AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE OF JULY 31 TO THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONCERNING THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE.

2. ON AUGUST 12, THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR FOLLOWED UP THIS DEMARCHE WITH MOHAMMED YAHYA MAROOFI, DIRECTOR OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DIVISION. MAROOFI STATED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE AFGHAN DELEGATION TO FOLLOW THE PUERTO RICO ITEM CLOSELY AND TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY WHEN ANY IMPORTANT VOTES ARE TO BE TAKEN. THE EMBASSY OFFICER REMINDED MAROOFI HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED AFGHANISTAN'S UNDERSTANDING LAST YEAR AND REQUESTED SUPPORT IN THIS YEAR'S
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PROCEDURAL VOTE. MAROOFI WAS NONCOMMITTAL AND REPEATED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO AWAIT HIS DELEGATION'S REPORT.

3. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM MAROOFI'S DESCRIPTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AFGHAN DELEGATION, KABUL IS HOLDING ITS REPRESENTATIVES ON

A SHORT LEASH ON THIS ISSUE. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD STILL
BE WORTH AN EFFORT ON OUR PART TO TRY TO INFLUENCE
THE AFGHAN DELEGATION AT THE COMMITTEE-OF-24 SESSION,
WE WILL PROBABLY FIND THAT THE AFGHANS WILL FIND IT
MORE DESIRABLE TO ABSTAIN THIS YEAR. IN THIS WAY,
THEY WOULD NOT BE PUT INTO A POSITION OF CONFRONTING
THEIR CUBAN FRIENDS -- AND THEY COULD STILL AVOID TOTALLY
ALIENATING THE USG CONCERNING AN ISSUE WHICH WE HAVE
MADE CLEAR IS SENSITIVE, TOUCHING UPON OUR INTERNAL
AFFAIRS.
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